

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head comprising:

~~with a rectilinear row of nozzle bores (8) arranged in a nozzle bar, (1); said the nozzle bores (8) serving configured to produce endless filaments formed from a melt; said nozzle bores (8) being and associated with blowing slots, in the form of longitudinal slots (25, 26), of two slot-plates (2, 3) for feeding blowing air at an angle to the nozzle bores (8) and to which nozzle bores (8) the melt is fed through one or more a distributors (24) in the melt blow head, wherein the nozzle bar is fixed in a defined position with respect to the slot-plates and removable therefrom in a vertical direction;~~

~~the distributor(s) (24) being supplied with the melt through a feeding pipe; (7),~~
characterized in that

~~the feeding pipe (9) in the melt blow head leads leading from a lateral inlet (11) via a redirecting means (10) in an essentially a vertical direction to the distributor (24); and~~

~~said the inlet (11) being connected to a melt pipe (13) through a removable connector (12), the nozzle bar (1) being fixed in a defined position with respect to the slot-plates (2, 3) and being removable therefrom in an approximately vertical direction.~~

2. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the nozzle bar (1) is laterally enclosed by air feed blocks (4,5) with horizontal and vertical walls, said air feed blocks (4,5) being arranged parallel to the row of nozzle bores (8), said air feed blocks (4, 5) being and contacted by the nozzle bar (1) with a step (33, 34) with horizontal and vertical legs (35, 36), a slot-plate (2, 3) being is in contact with each air feed block (4, 5) against a stop (41, 42) and leaving open a space (29, 30) with respect to the air feed block (4, 5) for supplying the blow air to the longitudinal slots (25, 26).

3. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the melt pipe (13) is provided in the region of the connector (12) with a shut-off valve (31):

4. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the melt pipe (13) is movable with its connector (12), with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet (11).

5. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connector (12) has a deformable seal (45).

6. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the slot-plates (2, 3) extend in a concave rounded section on ~~their~~ a side opposite the nozzle bar (1).

7. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 1, further comprising a second distributor.

8. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 7, wherein melt is fed through the second distributor.

9. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the melt pipe is provided in the region of the connector with a shut-off valve.

10. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the melt pipe is movable with its connector, with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet.

11. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the connector has a deformable seal.

12. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

13. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 3, wherein the connector has a deformable seal.

14. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 3, wherein the melt pipe is movable with its connector, with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet.

15. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 3, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

16. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 4, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

17. (New): A melt-blow head according to claim 5, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.